

REMARKS

The Office Action of June 12, 2007 requires restriction based on the following designated groups: I) Claims 1-15; II) Claims 16-33; and III) Claims 34-40.

Applicants respectfully elect Group I (claims 1-15), with traverse. Applicants have withdrawn the non-elected claims 16-40.

Applicants note that MPEP § 803 requires that no such election or restriction be required, when the application can be searched and examined without undue burden on the Examiner. Applicants believe that all claims 1-40 can be so examined in this application, and hence respectfully request that all claims (groups I, II, and III) be examined together. Additionally, Applicants note that the additional costs associated with the filing and maintenance of several applications resulting from a restriction would cause an undue financial burden, which Applicants wish to avoid.

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that all pending claims are in proper condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would expedite the examination of the above-identified patent application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

No fee is believed to be due in connection with this submission. If, however, any fee is deemed to be payable, you are hereby authorized to charge any such fee to Deposit Account No. 20-0778.

Respectfully submitted,

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